

Welsh and Kilbane
Defend Titles MondayTWO KING CHAMPIONS STAKE
THEIR TITLES ON LABOR DAY

Freddy Welsh and Johnny Kilbane Risk Honors for First Time in
Long Bout with Charley White and George Chaney—
Referees' Decisions Make Fights Important.

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LABOR DAY will see two ring titles defended for the first time since their holders became world's champions. Johnny Kilbane won the featherweight championship of the world at Vernon, Cal., Feb. 22, 1912, taking a twenty-round decision over Abe Attell.

Freddy Welsh became world's lightweight champion in London July 7, 1914, on a twenty-round decision over Willie Ritchie. Of all the champions, these two have been most cautious. There was a time, many years ago, when a champion lost caste unless he came out boldly and fought all challengers whose ability suggested a good match. The old timers didn't get much money through being champions, but they did get a lot of fighting. To-day it is just exactly the reverse. The champions get a lot of money and manage to slide along year after year with as little fighting as possible. It has come to be regarded almost as a champion's right to avoid matches for a year or so after winning a title.

Both Welsh and Kilbane have boxed many short no-decision bouts since arriving in the Hall of Fame. But they have avoided decisions. Kilbane boxed one twenty-round bout with Johnny Dundee in California. Aside from that he has been living a life of pugilistic ease.

Welsh has been sticking strictly to the safe-and-sure no-decision stuff. He fought Ritchie practically for nothing, and saw Ritchie take away the \$5,000 that he demanded as a guarantee. Ever since then Freddy has been trying to get even, and as he has boxed often and drawn well nearly every time, he must have rolled up a small fortune as a titleholder. He will add \$12,500 to his bank account after the White fight. Welsh has boxed White a couple of times in ten-round no-decision bouts. He is fast enough to be quite safe from "accidents" as long as he is willing to dodge and run and use all the artifices of the fighter without pride and with a large bag of caution. Until his last bout in New York Welsh seemed callous to the comments of the spectators who had paid to see a champion perform. In his last bout with Henry Leonard, he had evidently taken hard, for his weight was low, and he was willing to take a risk or two, for he fought ten rounds at top speed and carried the fight aggressively to his opponent through every round.

WELSH HAS PLAYED IT SAFE.

Welsh fought one "decision" fight in Denver a short time ago. His opponent was Ad Wolgast, who had lost the title to Kilbane. But it can hardly be said that Welsh risked anything in this fight, for there was an agreement that the decision should be a "draw" if both men were on their feet at the end of the fight. Wolgast knocked Welsh out. Whether the blow was legitimate or not has been much discussed. In any case, the referee, Dickson, who was at the fight, said that Welsh was in no danger of losing the championship that has been costing money for him.

At a glance it might seem that Welsh might be taking a real risk on Labor Day. Charley White is rather slow, and he looks a bit awkward, but he has a long record of knockouts on his record. He has a remarkable knack of hitting heavy punches. Welsh may be too fast for him, but there will always be the unpleasant possibility (for Welsh) that White might shoot one through and catch him off guard. Welsh can be knocked out as easily as any other man. All that is necessary is to reach the right spot and hit hard enough. And the list of White's knockout victories is imposing. The names fill a typewritten page. He has knocked out Sam Robideau, Milburn Baylor, Joe Adams, Danny O'Brien, Young Brown and a bunch of others in a round each. Many more he knocked out in the second round. He has the kind of "kick" that doesn't need to be repeated if he lands it on the right spot.

The fight will be held in Colorado Springs, where a large wooden arena has been put up for it. White's personal following in Colorado will be at the fight, which will keep the White end up in the betting.

KILBANE CAN KNOCK 'EM OUT—IF HE WANTS TO.

Johnny Kilbane has been fully as conservative as Freddy Welsh since winning the featherweight title. He is naturally a different sort of a fighter. Welsh always has been a tapper. Kilbane used to knock them out. He can still, no doubt, if he cares to take risks. The left of his punch was shown years ago, before he became champion, when he knocked out Joe Rivers.

Since winning the title Kilbane has developed unexpected genius in finesse. He has entirely changed his style of fighting. He dances nearly all the time and actually looks around for an opponent when he happens to duck neatly and get away from a dangerous punch. He has developed faster footwork, and instead of hitting his opponents hard he jabs and taps them cleanly. It is pretty boxing, but it isn't fighting.

This time, however, Kilbane seems to have made up his mind to fight. He has consented to a meeting with George Chaney of Baltimore, known all along the coast as a youngster who is likely to develop into a wonder. Chaney is a "knocker-out" who usually wins with a K. O. He has a hard punch, and knows how to use it. He has been after a Kilbane match for months, and probably will go to his best to gather in that cham-

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CHAMPIONS WHO RISK THEIR TITLES ON LABOR DAY

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FREDDY WELSH, WORLD'S LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION,
WHO RISKED HIS TITLE FOR THE FIRST TIME



JOHNNY KILBANE
FEATHERWEIGHT
CHAMPION

TENNIS SCHEDULE TO-DAY
AND YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

MATCHES TO-DAY.

The important matches scheduled for the grandstand courts to-day are as follows:

At 11 A. M.—R. Norris Williams vs. George S. Watson.
At 1:30 P. M.—Clarence J. Griffin vs. Wallace F. Johnson.
At 3:15 P. M.—William M. Johnston vs. Watson M. Washburn.
At 5:45 P. M.—H. Lindley Murray vs. George M. Church.

FOURTH ROUND RESULTS.

National championship men's singles (fourth round)—Wallace F. Johnson defeated Walter Merrill Hall, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2.
George S. Watson defeated Douglas S. Walters, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2.
Clarence J. Griffin defeated William S. Clutter, 7-5, 7-5, 6-3.
H. Lindley Murray defeated William E. Davis, 7-5, 6-3, 6-3.
George M. Church defeated Maurice R. McLoughlin, 6-7, 6-1, 6-2.
Karl M. Behr, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2, 6-7.

Fistic News
and Gossip
By John Pollock

Confident that he can make good in the ten-round no-decision bouts which are permitted at the numerous boxing clubs in this State, Jack O'Brien, the clever light heavyweight of Philadelphia, has decided to come out of retirement and try his hand again at the boxing game. Jack is at present at the King of Prussia Inn of Pennsylvania, where he is going through a hard course of training, and is also assisting his younger brother Jack to get into condition for his fifteen round battle with Jimmy Coffey, the Harlem welterweight, at Marrieville, R. I. on Labor Day night. O'Brien is now planning to box one of the heavyweights at a local club within two weeks. He is thirty-eight years old and has been boxing for over twenty-one years.

Tommy Walsh of Chicago, manager of Joe Manoli, the New Orleans lightweight, writes that he intends to have Manoli take part in many twenty round bouts this winter, and that he hopes to secure Benny Leonard and Johnny Dundee to meet him. The former boxing bout between Manoli and Frankie Russell at New Orleans on Monday night is expected to attract a crowd that will bring two gross receipts up to \$15,000.

Having given up all hope of getting Jim Coffey, the light heavyweight, to meet Jack Dillon at the Palace, the promoter of Brooklyn, is now trying to induce the manager of Bob Moha, the Milwaukee boxer, to match Moha with Dillon for a ten round battle the third week in September.

Prent Pullen, the Western heavyweight, who is going to Dan Barry's gym, the Boston "beery" in a ten round bout at St. Paul on Sept. 8, now ties the beam at 220 pounds. He expects to enter the ring weighing about 210 pounds. Jeff Coffey, the colored heavyweight, who has been secured to box with Pullen while awaiting for the contest.

Jimmy Johnston, manager of Ted "Kid" Lewis, the English welterweight who went to Buenos Aires for bouts, received a telegram to-day from him stating that he and several of the other American fighters who made the trip there, will sail from Buenos Aires for New York on Sept. 7. Lewis says the boxing carnival was a big failure.

It is all off with the bout between Carl Morris and Frank Morris at Tulsa, Okla., on Monday afternoon. Sheriff Wootley of Tulsa notified the promoters of the contest that he would not permit the contest to take place at Tulsa. The bout will probably be shifted to either Kansas City or Denver. Carl Morris has been paid his training expenses.

Two real good heavyweight matches will clash in the main bout of ten rounds at the Broadway Sporting Club of Brooklyn to-night. The lads who will swap punches are Dutch Brandt of Brooklyn and Pat Moore, the clever conqueror of Memphis, Tenn. In the semifinal, Willie Kohler will hook up with Chick McCormick for six rounds.

The Palmetto A. C. of the Bronx will hold its regular weekly boxing show to-night. Stacker McArdie has booked two ten-round bouts and several preliminaries for the occasion. Mickey Dunn of Harlem going against Jack Sharkey of the east side and Harry Sigel tackling George Gully in the two ten-round bouts.

Joe Cassidy, Newark's hard hitting lightweight, has been signed to two fights by his manager, Jack Butler. On Sept. 20 he will meet Harry Treadwell at the Coliseum A. C. of St. Louis and on Sept. 27 he will meet Joe Mandel at Memphis, Tenn.

Billy Gibson, manager of Benny Leonard, the crack Harlem lightweight, yesterday agreed to allow Ed McLoughlin, promoter of the Empire A. C. to match Benny with Victor Goheen of the same section for Sept. 14. A great deal of rivalry has sprung up between the pair. The winner of next Thursday night's bout at the same club between Jimmy Duffy of the west side and Irish Peter Olsen.

Thanks to Yanks' Victory Over Red Sox,
Tigers Are Only 2½ Games From Lead

Donovan's Gang Has Made Good Its Promise to Attend to the Champions, and as a Result the American League Race Is Closer Than Ever, While the Dodgers' Double Defeat Places Braves and Phillies Within Reach of Top Berth in National League.

By Bozeman Bulger.

A SIDE from unalloyed joy in Manhattan about our Yanks and all fired gloom along the Gowanus anent the Dodgers, the baseball situation to-day is complicated to a degree that borders on explosion. A few more strains like this and she'll pull out the rivets.

The double defeat of the Dodgers knocks them within range of a short punch by the Braves and even the Phillies could not reach them with a haymaker. The Yanks have worked themselves into firing range of the Red Sox, and they are ahead a day off, and are within two and one-half games of the American League lead. In view of their twenty-six games at home the Tigers, right now, look to be a most dangerous contender. With their batters hitting at a terrific pace and two or three pitchers going road red they are a favorite in the betting.

Donovan's gang has made good its promise to attend to the champs and here we are all in a clatter. But as the race tightens the Phillies have suddenly loomed up as the favorite in the National League. Their double victory, coming as it did at this precarious moment for our hope of a pennant at home, puts Moran's team within two and one-half games of Brooklyn, the latter being just a day ahead of the Braves and reporting to both whip and spur. To keep his head above water now Robbie will have to give that old horse a terrible ride. And remember, the old boy has two tough ones to face before getting home.

To one unaccustomed to such sights it would have been difficult yesterday to have told which club was the champion. The Yanks rose up in their wrath, drove the puzzling, underhand plays from the box and turned out one of the best played games of the year. They were able to give the Sox lessons in hitting, fielding and fighting spirit. Capt. Huston may be right, after all, for not giving up.

The heaviest blow suffered by the Red Sox in their final stand for the championship is the temporary loss of Jack Barry, whose absence from second base may be prolonged for the rest of the season. It was just this definite idea as to when his star infielder will get back in the game, and the whole club is beginning to worry.

It is true that Scott, Janviri and McNally, between them, are filling the gap acceptably, but neither of them is a Jack Barry. Bill Carrigan has no definite idea as to when his star infielder will get back in the game, and the whole club is beginning to worry. Pipp's home run drive that snatched the lead from the Red Sox in the sixth inning of yesterday's game was one of the longest hits ever made in the Polo grounds. It came within twenty feet of striking the fence in far right center on the fly.

RAKELT TO-DAY: P. M. N. Y. Amst. vs. Boston, Phil. vs. Chicago, Cin. vs. Cleveland, N. L. vs. A. L.

MAJOR LEAGUE AVERAGES

Compiled by Moreland News Bureau.

National League Batting Averages.					American League Batting Averages.				
Records of players who have played in fifteen seasons, including Aug. 30, and who have at least 100 at bats.					Records of players who have played in fifteen seasons, including Aug. 30, and who have at least 100 at bats.				
Player and Club.	A. B.	R.	Hits.	Avg.	Player and Club.	A. B.	R.	Hits.	Avg.
Knoblauch, Brooklyn	122	57	122	.325	Knoblauch, Brooklyn	122	57	122	.325
McCarthy, New York	112	47	112	.312	McCarthy, New York	112	47	112	.312
Wagner, Pittsburgh	102	43	102	.308	Wagner, Pittsburgh	102	43	102	.308
Wheat, Brooklyn	114	43	114	.305	Wheat, Brooklyn	114	43	114	.305
McCarthy, Philadelphia	102	42	102	.302	McCarthy, Philadelphia	102	42	102	.302
Wagner, Philadelphia	102	41	102	.298	Wagner, Philadelphia	102	41	102	.298
Wagner, Philadelphia	102	40	102	.295	Wagner, Philadelphia	102	40	102	.295
Wagner, Philadelphia	102	39	102	.292	Wagner, Philadelphia	102	39	102	.292
Wagner, Philadelphia	102	38	102	.289	Wagner, Philadelphia	102	38	102	.289
Wagner, Philadelphia	102	37	102	.286	Wagner, Philadelphia	102	37	102	.286
Wagner, Philadelphia	102	36	102	.283	Wagner, Philadelphia	102	36	102	.283
Wagner, Philadelphia	102	35	102	.280	Wagner, Philadelphia	102	35	102	.280
Wagner, Philadelphia	102	34	102	.277	Wagner, Philadelphia	102	34	102	.277
Wagner, Philadelphia	102	33	102	.274	Wagner, Philadelphia	102	33	102	.274
Wagner, Philadelphia	102	32	102	.271	Wagner, Philadelphia	102	32	102	.271
Wagner, Philadelphia	102	31	102	.268	Wagner, Philadelphia	102	31	102	.268
Wagner, Philadelphia	102	30	102	.265	Wagner, Philadelphia	102	30	102	.265
Wagner, Philadelphia	102	29	102	.262	Wagner, Philadelphia	102	29	102	.262
Wagner, Philadelphia	102	28	102	.259	Wagner, Philadelphia	102	28	102	.259
Wagner, Philadelphia	102	27	102	.256	Wagner, Philadelphia	102	27	102	.256
Wagner, Philadelphia	102	26	102	.253	Wagner, Philadelphia	102	26	102	.253
Wagner, Philadelphia	102	25	102	.250	Wagner, Philadelphia	102	25	102	.250
Wagner, Philadelphia	102	24	102	.247	Wagner, Philadelphia	102	24	102	.247
Wagner, Philadelphia	102	23	102	.244	Wagner, Philadelphia	102	23	102	.244
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Wagner, Philadelphia	102	21	102	.238	Wagner, Philadelphia	102	21	102	.238
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Wagner, Philadelphia	102	19	102	.232	Wagner, Philadelphia	102	19	102	.232
Wagner, Philadelphia	102	18	102	.229	Wagner, Philadelphia	102	18	102	.229
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